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SUBJECT: PL-480, TITLE I FOR JAMAICA

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1. AID AFFAIRS OFFICER BY LETTER AND TELEPHONE CALLS FROM PERMSEC MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS BEEN ADVISED OF GOJ'S CONCERN OVER DELAY IN USG RESPONSE TO SUBJECT PL-480 PROGRAM APPLICATION. PERMSEC MASON POINTS OUT THAT ONLY 200 BOGS OF BLENDED FOODS IN STOCK (MOST OF THIS CONTAMINATED) WHILE SCHOOL TERM BEGINS NEXT SEPTEMBER. IN APPARENT EXPECTATION USG APPROVAL REQUESTED PROGRAM, GOJ HAS NO CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR USG TURN DOWN, AND NO ALTERNATIVE SOURCE FOR SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM.

2. COMMENT: WHATEVER WE MAY THINK ABOUT GOJ ABSENCE OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND ITS TOO OPTIMISTIC EXPECTATIONS RE USG RESPONSE, WE CAN BE CERTAIN THAT SITUATION WILL BE TURNED AGAINST US. GOJ HERE ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL BLAME ANY CLOSE DOWN OF SCHOOL FEEDING PLAN NOT ON THEIR OWN LACK OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND FORESIGHT, BUT RATHER ON THE USG PROCRASTINATION AND ANY ULTIMATE TURN DOWN OF PL-480 REQUEST. THERE UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE THOSE WHO WILL SUGGEST THAT THIS PART OF DESTABILIZATION CAMPAIGN.
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